



A DYING STATESMAN.

Discouraging Reports of Mr. Conkling's Condition.

THE DOCTORS LOSING HOPE.

No Improvement and a Gradual Sinking—Suppressing the Facts.

A Belief that He Will Live But a Short Time.

New York, April 13.—At 6:10 this evening, Henry McVie, Mr. Conkling's lawyer, came out of the house and said that there was no change in Mr. Conkling's condition. The physicians had predicted that Mr. Conkling would be better inside of three days. The prediction had not been fulfilled. In the Hoffman house it is believed that Mr. Conkling is a very sick man. The twitching of muscles is believed to indicate an accumulation of more pus, and is regarded as a bad sign. It is generally believed that he cannot hold out much longer.

The general impression at the Hoffman house is that Mr. Conkling's condition is more precarious than indicated in the bulletins of Dr. Forryce Barker. It is known that the physician does not wish to unnecessarily alarm the public, and that there is the shadow of hope left for the life of one of New York's most brilliant men. While some of the bulletins have been favorable, on the other hand, not a single favorable bulletin has been issued while the distinguished patient was otherwise than asleep, or at least in a doze. While awake he is paralytic, his eyes are closed, and he is twitching hourly. To-day came the most unfavorable symptom in his refusal to take the milk on which he has subsisted and in the nervous twitching of the hands. Dr. Barker did not have his usual affable smile this afternoon, and is evidently much worried at the turn the case has taken.

Dr. Barker and Dr. Sands called at 8:30 p. m. When Dr. Sands came out at 9:30 p. m. he was asked the condition of Mr. Conkling and replied that there was no change, and referred the reporter to Dr. Barker. Dr. Barker, on subsequently coming from the house, said: "The patient is asleep, but the nervous twitching of the hands is still present. Mr. Conkling was asleep at 5 p. m., but it was not a normal healthy sleep. He was only dozing, and he talked and muttered to himself."

Dr. Barker called on Mr. Conkling after 11 o'clock and stayed half an hour. He shook hands with the Doctor and seemed to be comfortable. He fell asleep before the Doctor left. He is still taking his nourishment without difficulty, consisting of milk and a little brandy. His pulse has risen slightly since the doctor's previous visit, though he was unchanged.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

A Slight Breeze in the House on the Direct Tax Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—In the House today the clerk proceeded to read the journal of the legislative day of Wednesday, the 4th of April. The journal consists of 40 manuscript pages, exclusive of 71 roll calls. Mr. Dockrell, of Missouri, asked unanimous consent to dispense with the reading of the journal, but Mr. Taylor and Mr. Grosvener interposed objection. They did not, however, demand the reading of the roll calls in full, as such reading would occupy two or three days. The clerk then proceeded to read the skeleton outline of the journal. The reading consumed one hour.

The remainder of the day was spent in committee on the whole in the discussion of a bill for the payment of a claim of seven hundred dollars for the occupation of certain property in Memphis by United States troops in 1864. It was opposed by Mr. Morrison, of Ohio, Mr. Thomas, of Wisconsin, and Mr. Brewer, of Michigan, and advocated by Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee. Mr. Allen, of Michigan, said that the gentlemen on the Democratic side had settled the character of the one pending bill, but that they would not allow the bill to pass. Mr. Richardson replied that a day had been fixed for the consideration of the direct tax bill. The gentleman thought it was not good policy to pay the bill, as it was passed in 1864 passed a law for the payment of such claims to loyal persons. Mr. Allen replied that in 1864 he had no idea that Congress was doing anything of the kind. He had been in Tennessee at that time attending to other business.

Latham, of Tennessee, hoped that gentlemen would not "fritter away" the time of the House in the discussion of the direct tax bill, while a small private bill was being considered. No action was taken on the bill.

The House then took a recess until 7:30, the evening session to be for the consideration of private pension bills.

West Virginians at Washington.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—John A. Howard, of Middlebourne; J. B. Deliker, Monroe Jackson, W. N. Chancellor and wife and W. A. McCosh, of Parkersburg; B. S. Allison and T. A. Miller, of Wheeling; H. S. White, of Moundsville; C. Martin, of Fairmont; T. H. B. Dawson, of Berkeley Springs; C. P. Dorr, of Webster Court House; and T. O. Edwards, of Wheeling, arrived today.

Elby E. Adkins was commissioned Postmaster at Sarah to-day. A new office named Nease was established near Point Pleasant, with George M. Nease, of Wheeling, as Postmaster. Nease spent last night in Harper's Ferry and returned to Charleston to-night, via Washington.

A Young Bride's Suicide.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—Mrs. Gracie G. Bulky committed suicide last night by taking poison. Mrs. Bulky was the only daughter of Judge Curtis J. Hillier, and her elopement with young Bulky some months ago caused quite a sensation.

Dr. Agnew's Complaint.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

New York, April 13.—Dr. Agnew is still seriously ill with peritonitis, which is inflammation of the vermiform appendix of the stomach. The cause is unknown. Strong hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Over Eight Hundred Ballots.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CINCINNATI, April 13.—A Commercial Gazette Gallipoli, O., special says: Late to-night the Eleventh District Republican Convention on the 87th ballot re-nominated Thompson, the present incumbent, for Congress.

THE JURY DISAGREED.

A Scandal that Excited Aristocratic Circles in Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 13.—The jury in the famous Brushingham case after making a night of it finally disagreed. The Rev. John P. Brushingham was the defendant. He is a Methodist clergyman and has charge of the Ada Street Church. Eva Parker, a sixteen-year-old girl, after converting to the Baptist faith, became a convert to Mr. Brushingham's church, filling the positions of Sunday School teacher and city missionary. Last January she became a mother and she charged the fatherhood of the child upon her pastor. The case began before Judge Grinnell, of Anarchist fame, over a week ago, and drew crowded houses. The excitement, particularly in Methodist Church circles, was very marked. Gen. I. N. Stiles was for the defense and he openly charged a conspiracy in which R. C. Craft, a deacon in the church, was the prime mover. The latter was local Superintendent of the Prudential Life Insurance Company of Newark, N. J., and yesterday he was asked for his resignation, which he promptly furnished. The jury stood ten guilty against two for acquittal.

IN THE JURY'S HANDS.

The Case of Geo. Clark, McCausland's Alleged Slayer.

Waynesburg, Pa., April 13.—The trial of George Clark for the murder of McCausland, which occupied almost two weeks, is wound up to the jury room and twelve men have the life of the prisoner in their hands. Two able speeches were made in pleading the case, ex-District Attorney John S. Robb, for the State, and Hon. C. E. Boyle, for the defense. It is the first case of wilful, premeditated murder ever tried in the county, and such a perfect jam of people was never before inside the court room as gathered there this morning at the ringing of the court bell, scores of ladies being present. Mrs. McCausland and her little daughter were present and wept much during the eloquent appeals to the jury to avenge the cruel murder of the husband and father. The prisoner sat during the long speech facing the morning window, and appeared to be the most contented little sign of fear. He seemed most alarmed when the warrant was being read but scarcely trembled. The scaffold and trap worked to perfection. Holong's crime was the outrage and murder of a 16-year-old girl, the daughter of his employer, and feeding her body to the dogs.

THE JURY DISAGREED.

A Prediction that Maine will have a High License Law in Three Years.

PORTLAND, ME., April 13.—It is predicted by those who have studied the growing sentiment in Maine against prohibition that this State will have a high license law within three years, and that the "Pioneer Prohibition State" will withdraw the stringent restrictions on the liquor traffic which have made it a prominent temperance advocate in the world at the head of both the Democratic and Prohibition regular tickets not only fails of election in his own city, but his nomination has the effect of piling up a debt on the State for the expense of the free run and non-enforcement of the law double that which he ever received before, there is good ground for the high license prediction.

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CHICAGO, April 13.—Tuesday Dr. Holmes was called to Bridgeville, by the death of his sister, Mrs. John Green. It is now learned that Green and the rest of the family, three daughters and two sons, are afflicted with trichinosis and have been without knowing it, since Easter Sunday. What was considered a very strange disease by their attending physician was not definitely known until Mrs. Green's death, when six of the trichinosis were found in a piece of ham the size of a pea. It is expected that the three daughters will die also.

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CHICAGO, April 13.—A dispatch from Lansing, Mich., says: From the monthly report made by correspondents throughout the State, the agricultural department does not feel warranted in making any estimate of the present condition of the crops. The report is generally reported killed and the weather conditions for the previous six weeks had been very unfavorable to wheat and clover.

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CHICAGO, April 13.—Chairman Cooley, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, is in the city for the purpose of obtaining information regarding alleged unfair billing and fraudulent invoicing of East bound freight. Judge Cooley confirmed the statement that the commission had virtually come to the conclusion that an amendment to the State law was necessary to prevent such frauds in the future.

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CHICAGO, April 13.—The Legislature passed a bill yesterday providing for scientific temperance instruction in the public schools of the State. It requires that the nature of the effects of alcohol and narcotics on the human system shall be taught, orally or by text, and that teachers shall be examined in these subjects.

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DR. BLAND RESIGNS

The Superintendency of the Hospital for the Insane.

BOARD PROMPTLY ACCEPTS.

And Will Elect His Successor in October—Business Transacted Yesterday—Matters of Interest from Other Points.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WESTON, W. VA., April 13.—Dr. Bland, Superintendent of the Insane Asylum, tendered his resignation to-day to the Board of Directors, to take effect October 1. The resignation was accepted, and Dr. Bland's successor will be elected on the second day of the October meeting, the President of the Board to publish the same in the Wheeling and Charleston papers.

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PORTLAND, ME., April 13.—At a meeting of the St. Albans Development Club at St. Albans last night, the question of the county aiding in the construction of three railroads, up Coal, Elk and Kanawha rivers, was discussed. A resolution was passed appointing a committee of three to co-operate with the St. Albans Development Association, and draft a plan of action for presentation to the County Court for consideration to the voters of the county. A concerted plan of action by the St. Albans and Charleston committees may give much aid in securing the needed railroad enterprises.

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